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SUBJECT: BRITISH DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS ON BEHALF OF
RUDOLF HESS

REF: STATE 146026 AND PREVIOUS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED
IN THE LONDON "DAILY TELEGRAPH" JUNE 13 ABOUT THE FCO'S
JUNE 12 DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS ON BEHALF OF RUDOLF HESS
(REFTEL).

BEGIN TEXT. BRITAIN AGAIN PRESSED RUSSIA YESTERDAY TO
FREE RUDOLPH HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, WHO HAS BEEN IN BER-
LIN'S SPANDAU PRISON FOR 37 YEARS. MR. FRANK JUDD, MIN-
ISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, MADE THE PLEA TO
MR. NIKOLAI LUNKOV, SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

THE SOVIET RESPONSE WAS THAT HESS, 84, WAS A MAJOR NAZI
WAR CRIMINAL, THAT HIS FREEDOM WOULD BE "INTOLERABLE"
TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND THAT IF RELEASED HE COULD BE-
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COME A RALLYING POINT FOR RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS. END TEXT
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. AT THE JUNE 13 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRENCH REP
(GAUSSOT) EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION THAT THE UK DEMARCHE
ALREADY HAD BECOME PUBLIC. THE UK REP (EYERS) RESPONDED
THAT THE "TELEGRAPH" HAD LEARNED THAT JUDD HAD MET WITH

LUNKOV BY EXAMINING THE PUBLIC RECORD OF JUDD'S APPOINTMENTS. THE FCO DID CONFIRM TO THE NEWSPAPER THAT HESS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT PROVIDED NO DETAILS. EYERS NOTED THAT MOST OF THE ARTICLE WAS ABOUT THE SOVIET RESPONSE. THE FCO THUS ASSUMES THAT THE "TELEGRAPH" OBTAINED ITS INFORMATION FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY.
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